KUMAR PANJA) : (a) to (c) Coal can be freely imported under present export and import policy and as such there is no need for any licence/permission from Government of India for its import. However, import duty as prevalent rates has to be paid on such imports. On requests received from Tamilnadu Electricity Board and Karnataka Power Corporation, Finance Ministry have permitted imports of 2 million tonnes and 1 million tonne of coal respectively by these two Electricity Boards at concessional import duty. The details regarding quantity of coal imported by them so far are not available.

World Bank assistance for coal sector

16. SHRI MOHAMMED SALIM :

SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY :

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are seeking financial assistance from World Bank for providing a golden hand shake package and conversion of debt into equity in the coal sector;

(b) if so, the details of such assistance received so far; and

(c) what are the terms and conditions agreed with the World Bank in this regards ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) to (c) No assistance has been sought from the World Bank for conversion of debt into equity in the coal sector. With a view to achieve self reliance over a period of time, Coal India Ltd. (CIL) has prepared an efficiency improvement programme wich includes plan for improvement in productivity through rationalisation of human resource which may include voluntary retirement. Voluntary retirement as such is being implemented in CIL with effect from March, 1989.

No assistance has been received from the World Bank so far.

New Management Board for CIL

17. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV :

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether a new Management Board for Coal India Limited has been constituted; and

(b) if so, the details of the composition thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Board of Directors of Coal India Limited was reconstituted in December, 1991.

(b) The reconstituted Board of Directors of Coal India Limited consists of :—

FULL-TIME

1. Chairman-cum-Managing Director.
2. Director (Finance).
3. Director (Technical).
4. Director (Personnel & Industrial Relations).

PART-TIME

5. Two CMDs of CIL subsidiaries and SCCL to figure
6. on rotational basis annually.
7. Additional Secretary, Ministry of Coal.
8. Joint Secretary-cum-Financial Adviser, Ministry of Coal.
9. Director (Operation), Steel Authority of India Ltd.
10. Member (Thermal & Operation), Central Electricity Authority.
11. Adviser (Traffic), Railway Board.
12. Management expert.
13. Labour representative.
14. Representative of Business Organisations like FICCI/ASSOCHAM, etc.